

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computerized system for transferring a leased vehicle from a prospective leased vehicle transferor to a prospective leased vehicle transferee comprising:

means for receiving vehicle and lease information submitted electronically by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferors and storing said information in a searchable database;

means for providing said vehicle and lease information electronically to prospective leased vehicle transferees in response to electronic queries to said searchable database submitted by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferees;

means for receiving vehicle selection information submitted electronically by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferors;

means for notifying electronically prospective leased vehicle transferors whose vehicles are selected by prospective leased vehicle transferees of said selection so that the parties can negotiate and complete a leased vehicle transfer transaction;

means for receiving and processing insurance application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of either prospective leased vehicle transferors or prospective leased vehicle transferees with respect to vehicles selected by said prospective leased vehicle transferees for insurance covering the prospective leased vehicle transferor's liability under the prospective leased vehicle transferor's lease agreement for said vehicle in the event of lease payment defaults by the prospective leased vehicle transferee after transfer of said vehicle and lease to said transferee;

means for submitting said insurance application information to one or more insurers for application processing and approval; and

means for arranging for vehicle and lease transfer and insurance document delivery, payment and vehicle delivery.

2. The computerized system of Claim 1, wherein said means for receiving vehicle and lease information comprises a series of customized leased vehicle data entry screens made accessible to prospective leased vehicle transferors via a global computer network, whereby prospective leased vehicle transferors can create customized listings for their vehicles.
3. The computerized system of Claim 1, wherein said means for notifying electronically prospective leased vehicle transferors whose vehicles are selected by prospective leased vehicle transferees of said selection further comprises messaging means for prospective leased vehicle transferors and prospective leased vehicle transferees to negotiate and complete a leased vehicle transfer transaction.
4. The computerized system of Claim 3, wherein said messaging means comprises Internet e-mail communications protocols.
5. The computerized system of Claim 3, wherein said messaging means comprises instant peer-to-peer communications protocols.
6. The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective leased vehicle transferees to submit their vehicle preferences for matching with leased vehicle data stored in said system's searchable database.
7. The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for prospective leased vehicle transferees to submit their lease term preferences for matching with leased term data stored in said system's searchable database.
8. The computerized system of Claim 6, further comprising means for notifying prospective leased vehicle transferees of leased vehicle data stored on said system's searchable database that matches said prospective leased vehicle transferees' leased preferences.
9. The computerized system of Claim 7, further comprising means for notifying prospective leased vehicle transferees of leased term data stored on said system's searchable database that matches said prospective leased vehicle transferees' lease term preferences.
10. The computerized system of Claim 1, further comprising means for receiving financing application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of prospective leased vehicle transferees with respect to vehicles selected by said prospective leased vehicle transferees for financing to pay for transfer of said leased vehicle.

receiving and processing insurance application information submitted electronically by or on behalf of either prospective leased vehicle transferors or prospective leased vehicle transferees with respect to vehicles selected by said prospective leased vehicle transferees for insurance covering the prospective leased vehicle transferor's liability under the prospective leased vehicle transferor's lease agreement for said vehicle in the event of lease payment defaults by the prospective leased vehicle transferee after transfer of said vehicle and lease to said transferee;

submitting said insurance application information to one or more insurers for application processing and approval; and

arranging for vehicle and lease transfer and insurance document delivery, payment and vehicle delivery.